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In an attempt to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicants wish to bring to the attention of the U.S. Patent Office the following references which were found during the prosecution of a co-pending European patent application:

U.S. Patent No. 5,431,763

U.S. Patent No. 5,865,421

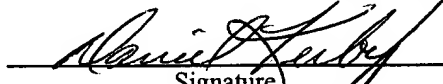
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Copies of these references and a form PTO 1449 are enclosed.

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that each item contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart Japanese patent application no more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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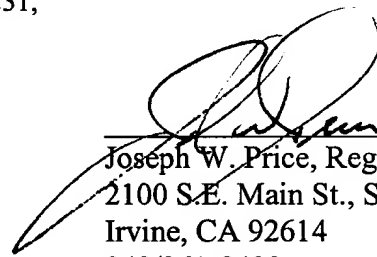


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